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1.(C/NF) Summary: The latest round of EU-Libya Framework Agreement negotiations hit snags over sensitive political issues and were slowed by LIBYAN POLITICAL DIALOGUE: THE EC DANCES ON LIBYA'S "RED LINE"

2.(C/NF) Representatives of the European Commission (EC) based in Brussels conducted the latest round of Framework Agreement negotiations July 13. (C) In contrast to the ICC discussions, the Libyan delegation readily agreed to the EC's proposed language regarding civil society, leading to TRADE AND MIGRATION: HITS AND MISSES

4.(C) A planned session on trade and commerce was largely postponed after Libyan lead negotiator Abdulati al-Obeidi informed the EC that Libya

5.(C) The sides have two more regular rounds of negotiation in October and December. Libyan officials had previously seemed keen on signing the COMMENT

6.(C/NF): It is worth studying the outcomes of negotiations between the technically minded EC negotiators and their symbolically driven Libyan